

## OPINION 1767

### *Pleurobranchus forskalii* Rüppell & Leuckart, [1828] and *P. testudinarius* Cantraine, 1835 (Mollusca, Gastropoda): specific names conserved

#### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *forskahli* Delle Chiaje, 1822, as published in the binomen *Pleurobranchus forskahli*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *forskalii* Rüppell & Leuckart, [1828], as published in the binomen *Pleurobranchus forskâlii*;

(b) *testudinarius* Cantraine, 1835, as published in the binomen *Pleurobranchus testudinarius*.

(3) The name *forskahli* Delle Chiaje, 1822, as published in the binomen *Pleurobranchus forskahli* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

#### History of Case 2838

An application for the conservation of the specific names of *Pleurobranchus forskalii* Rüppell & Leuckart, [1828] and *P. testudinarius* Cantraine, 1835 was received from Dr W.B. Rudman (*The Australian Museum, Sydney South, New South Wales, Australia*) on 6 January 1992. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 50: 16–19 (March 1993). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was noted on the voting paper that the application had the support of Mr Robert Burn (*Geelong, Victoria, Australia*), and that 17 of the references held by the Commission Secretariat which demonstrate the usage of the name *Pleurobranchus testudinarius* (para. 5 of the application) were published no earlier than 1960.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 50: 18. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1994 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Halvorsen, Lehtinen and Martins de Souza.

Dupuis and Ride were on leave of absence.

#### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- forskahli*, *Pleurobranchus*, Delle Chiaje, 1822, *Memorie sulla storia e notomia degli animali senza vertebre del Regno di Napoli*, Figure, pl. 41, fig. 11.
- forskali*, *Pleurobranchus*, Rüppell & Leuckart, [1828], p. 18, pl. 5, figs. 2a, 2b in: *Atlas zu der Reise im nördlichen Afrika von Eduard Rüppell*.
- testudinarius*, *Pleurobranchus*, Cantraine, 1835, *Bulletins de l'Académie Royale des Sciences et Belles-Lettres de Bruxelles*, 2: 385.